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Memorial Service set for May 27

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Thirteen honorees have been submitted so far for the annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service May 27 at 10 a.m. in the garden across from the Officers' Club.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at the Base Chapel.

The service, a patriotic tribute to departed military members and civilians who were assigned or worked at Robins, is a 28-year tradition rooted in a partnership between the base, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society, and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce.

At the garden's entrance, a brick and mortar wall displays on gold plaques the names of 1,255 to date, members of Robins who have been honored in past memorial ceremonies.

The annual ceremony is a project of the 78th Air Base Wing's Administrative and Compliance Office.

Ms. Diane Gross, project officer, will accept submissions for people to be memorialized through May 7.

Honorees can be civilian or military members.

To honor someone, the following information should be sent to Ms. Gross at 78 ABW/XPRA.

- Complete name and, if military, rank of the person to be honored.
- If military, designate active-duty or retired and branch of service

- Birth and death dates

- Reproducible photo – preferably black and white, and at least 2x3

- Family-related information, such as name, address, and phone number of next of kin

- Name, address and telephone number of the person or organization nominating the honoree

- Military unit or organization honoree was assigned and predominant responsibility while at Robins

There is no fee for the memorialization. However, contributions in the name of the honoree will be accepted.

For information about the ceremony, call Ms. Gross at 926-6203 or e-mail diane.gross@robins.af.mil.

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In control



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Mr. Bob Sargent lights some brush on fire during the controlled burn April 1 to help restore a 23-acre longleaf pine forest.

EM 23-acre burn prepares forest for bright future

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The Environmental Management Directorate and the Georgia Forestry Commission prescribed a hot treatment last week to keep one of the Southeast's declining ecosystems thriving.

Donning protective gear and carrying fire rakes, EM and GFC workers took the next step in restoring a 23-acre longleaf pine forest in base using one of the oldest tools known to man - fire.

The restoration, one of EM's natural resource projects, began in 1997 with the planting of 15,000 longleaf pine seedlings.

While the recent low-intensity prescribed burn was an effort to restore a unique ecosys-

What to know

The 23-acre forest is located southeast of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office. Fifteen thousand Longleaf pine seedlings were planted on the site in 1997. Longleaf pine is known to live 300 years or more. Low-intensity burning is used to control competing vegetation such as grasses, oaks and holly.

tem on the base, Mr. Bob Sargent, Environmental Resources chief, said it's more than that; it's also an effort to bring forth an outdoor classroom.

Wiregrass Trail, a nature trail with signs

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Warner Robins Post Office marks Air Force Academy Commemorative Stamp

Mr. Steve Willette, Warner Robins postmaster, presents Col. Bruce Curry a sheet of the commemorative stamps honoring the 50th anniversary of the Air Force Academy.



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

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The Warner Robins Post Office saluted the community's military April 2, a date that coincided with first-day sales across the country of a new stamp commemorating the U.S. Air Force Academy's 50th anniversary.

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Readiness system saves time, money

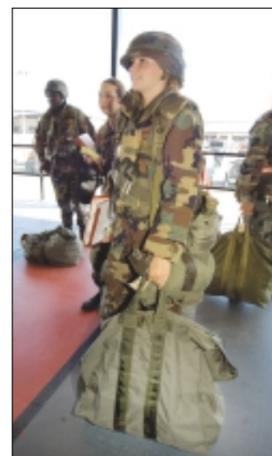
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Robins is currently serving as the test site for a new Web-based readiness system estimated to save the Air Force \$79 million over the next five years.

The Deployment Readiness Service, or DRS, will improve tracking and reduce the time and effort needed by unit deployment managers to keep personnel deployment ready.

The system gives individuals access to their current deployment-readiness status, including prerequisites like self-aid and buddy care, chemical warfare training and weapons qualifications. In addition, it provides users with capabilities such as timely and accurate information integration across functional areas, e-mail notifications for expiring training and daily summaries for unit deployment managers.

Mrs. Penny Wagner, an analyst in the 78th Air Base Wing Plans and Programs



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp
Airman 1st Class Kelly Deppen lines up for the deployment line.

Office, said DRS reduces the time and labor needed to prepare for deployments. It also eliminates the maintenance of multiple computer systems while improving data accuracy. It's faster and easier to use than previous systems.

Please see **SYSTEM, 2A**

Commander's call scheduled for April 22-27

Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will hold a series of 10 commander's calls at the Warner Robins Civic Center, April 22-27.

The calls are mandatory for all Center employees, which include 78th Air Base Wing, 339th Flight Test Squadron and the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron. While not mandatory for hosted units, members are welcome to attend. Hosted units interested in attending should contact the Center Commander's Action Group at 926-3826.

Parking is limited to handicapped and senior staff members. All other employees will be required to ride the bus. Employees are reminded to have their identification cards with

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them to re-enter the base.

An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be present at the 10 a.m. session April 23. Organizations having hearing-impaired employees are asked to schedule those individuals for that session.

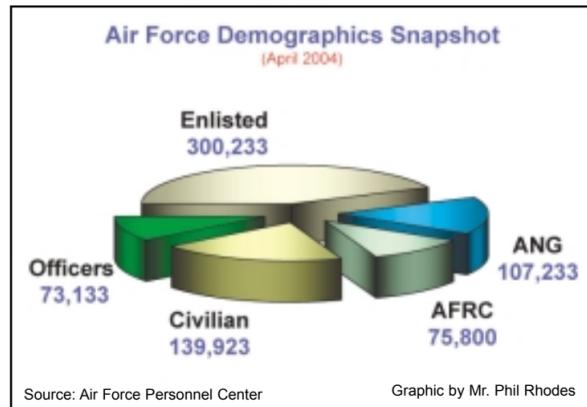
For additional information, contact Ms. Sherry Anthony, WR-ALC/CCX, at 926-3826.

Sessions dates and times:
April 22: 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.; 2 p.m.

April 23: 7 and 10 a.m.

April 26: 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.; 2 and 5 p.m.

April 27: 8:30 a.m.



Robins 3-day forecast
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today
Variably to partly cloudy



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Saturday
Partly cloudy with chance of showers



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Sunday
Variably cloudy with chance of showers



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Military families of high school seniors may stay at bases longer to finish education

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What to know

Chief Master Sgt. Kaylon Grubbs said the new High School Seniors Assignment Deferral Program announced this month gives his family a better chance at a stable life.

The program allows senior master sergeants and below, and officers through the rank of lieutenant colonel to apply for a one-year assignment deferral, allowing their children who are high school seniors to finish school. Back-to-back deferrals may be possible and military-married-to-military spouses may also apply.

The chief, first sergeant for the 12th Airborne Command and

The High School Seniors Assignment Deferral Program allows senior master sergeants and below, and officers through the rank of lieutenant colonel to apply for a one-year assignment deferral to allow their children to finish their last year in high school. For more information, contact the Personnel Relocation and Outbound Assignment Office at 327-7345 or the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.

Control Squadron and father of two high school-age sons who have attended eight schools throughout

several moves, said the policy reinforces the Air Force's slogan of putting families first.

"We've always said families come first, but this is proving that it's true," he said. "My oldest son feels like if he could stay at his school, he could have a better future. It's hard on the kids when they have to move so much."

An estimated 20 to 25 percent of officers and senior noncommissioned officers have children entering their senior year, officials said.

While moving is part of military life, the new policy may make that a less frequent occurrence for some families.

"In today's environment of deployments and high operations

tempo, it's important that we alleviate stress on families wherever we can," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. "This initiative is designed to do that."

Mr. Roger Blanchard, Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel, agreed.

"This is a policy we think increases the quality of life for Air Force families," he said. "The intent is to decrease turbulence and increase stability for military families."

Even with the changes, however, the mission comes first and will be the overriding factor in granting deferrals.

"This policy does not mean that every Airman with a high school

senior will remain in place," Chief Murray said. "Deferrals will be approved where possible. As in all situations, however, the needs of the Air Force will come first."

To be eligible, the high school senior must be a dependent of and living with the Airman requesting the deferral.

Officers will need to apply before being put on assignment, while enlisted military won't apply until after being matched to an assignment, according to Master Sgt. Letty Inabinet, superintendent of assignment procedures.

Editor's Note: Air Force Personnel News Service contributed to this article.

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Col. Bruce Curry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander, made the first cut into a cake that mirrored the stamp design. The cake was one of two Warner Robins Postmaster Steve Willette had ordered for the event. Both were gone by 3 p.m., he said.

Mr. Willette combined the stamp's debut with a Military Appreciation Day, proclaimed on a banner over the doorway at the Post Office's Russell Parkway facility. The day also marked the latest handover of phone cards, which post office patrons purchase for military members. Mr. Willette said the presentation was part of the



The commemorative stamp.

post office's continuing support of Robins' deployed military.

"This was a great opportunity to celebrate the half-century mark of an institution that has educated and enriched generations of the Air Force family," Colonel Curry said. "The Warner Robins Post Office brought a community flavor to the stamp's debut by making April 2 an appreciation day for Robins' military community. To me, that was as meaningful

as the issuance of the stamp because it illustrated the excellent relationship Robins shares with the community."

Colonel Curry is a 1978 graduate of the Air Force Academy. He and his wife, Lynn, who also attended the post office ceremony, were married in the academy's cadet chapel the day after his graduation. The soaring, wedge-shaped chapel featured on the stamp has 17 silvery spires ascending to 150 feet and draws thousands of visitors every year. Mr. Willette presented the Currys with a framed page of the new stamp.

The U.S. Postal Service dedicated the commemorative stamp April 1 at the academy, which is located in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Postal

Service's commemorative stamp series honors people and events that have shaped American history.

Since 1954, more than 34,000 men and women have graduated from the academy, and more than half of those who received Air Force commissions remain on active duty. The academy produced a Medal of Honor recipient, Capt. Lance P. Sijan, who died in North Vietnam in 1968; more than 325 general officers; 32 astronauts; 54 USAF Thunderbirds pilots; two combat aces; and numerous Rhodes Scholars, Guggenheim Fellows and National Science Foundation fellows. Thirty-six of its graduates were prisoners of war, and 162 died in combat.



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp. Ms. Jennifer Roe, front, Mr. Jeff Turner and Ms. Becky Crader rake dirt over the embers to contain the controlled burn April 1.

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explaining the community and the animals that thrive there, is a part of this outdoor education experience. Accompanying the trail is an outdoor classroom with circular benches where one day students may come to learn.

"It's our vision that in the future we'll be able to bring in students to teach them about the longleaf pine community type, the value of prescribed fire and the management of endangered species," he said. "It's not just serving the purpose of managing for biodiversity and rare ecosystems but hopefully serving as a teaching tool."

Mr. Sargent said the burn was conducted to remove competing vegetation from the site and must be done every three to five years to keep it viable.

He explained that longleaf pine forests once covered 90 million acres from Virginia to Texas, today

that number has dwindled to 3 million with Georgia having about 500,000 of those acres.

"This ecosystem has become rare because people are opposed to seeing fires like this," said Mr. Sargent. "They don't necessarily understand the value of prescribed burning. They just see the hazard."

Controlled burning manager also greatly reduces the possibility of an uncontrolled fire from a lit cigarette or lightning strike.

Mr. Sargent said another reason this ecosystem has become rare stems from the fact that longleaf pines grow very slowly.

"Because Georgia is a big timber state and people want to get wood to the market as fast as possible they plant other, fast-growing pine species," he said. "Timber is a \$20 billion a year industry in Georgia."

Though fire may be viewed as destructive in many cases, in some instances it's the right prescription for growth.

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"Previously, deployment managers used a variety of methods to track personnel readiness," she said. "These methods ranged from Excel spreadsheets to the stubby pencil system. This new system is a far more superior method of tracking readiness and will help them tremendously."

The online system automatically updates personnel records each time training is completed. Tracking an individual's readiness is much simpler.

"When the people who are deploying hit the personnel deployment function processing line, their readiness is examined very closely," she said. "The effective use of DRS can minimize the problems that are encountered there."

Col. William Saunders, Air Force Materiel Command's e-business chief, said the system resulted from a business case analysis which compared deployment costs to benefits. The analysis found the current deployment process had three major shortfalls – it is labor intensive, lacks consistency and lacks proactive fea-

tures such as notifying people when their qualification expires.

"The old multi-step process required deployment managers to organize an Airman's equipment and hospital records, schedule training and maintain personnel and other documents before the individual was considered deployable, a cumbersome process at best," Colonel Saunders said. "Many reported they used paper, spreadsheets and locally developed databases that differ from unit to unit within AFMC."

Mrs. Wagner and program analyst Mr. Glen Haisten have been involved with DRS since its genesis at Robins when it was known as the Deployment Qualification System.

"DRS not only allows unit deployment managers, but individual airman to take charge of their personnel readiness, further, commanders can view their unit's readiness as a whole or in parts," said Mr. Haisten.

Two years ago AFMC's Battle Lab developed DQS for all AFMC units. Robins was the system's second test site and worked diligently to make it a success.

"Because Robins worked all of the

issues so aggressively and because we have so many tenant units on base – Air Mobility Command, AFMC, Air Combat Command and Air Force Reserve Command -- we were chosen as a test base so they can field the system Air Force-wide," said Mrs. Wagner.

According to Ms. Sheree Evans, Readiness Flight deputy fight chief, more capabilities are coming as the system continues to expand.

One of these capabilities is the updating of multiple records at once.

"This will be a significant improvement for UDMs who had to update one record at a time," she said. "The capabilities of this system are really phenomenal."

One innovation involves medical flags that tell whether a person has the required immunizations, dental, laboratory, equipment and health record reviews.

Currently 50 percent of Robins' deployable personnel have been registered in the system, and Ms. Evans expects complete registration by fall.

"The system will be exported to three other bases, in mid-June," she said.

Editor's note: AFPN contributed to this article.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Tenth Street turn lane work scheduled for Saturday

Modifications will be made to the intersection of Robins Parkway and Tenth Street to more efficiently and safely process traffic flow Saturday.

The changes will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., but will be contingent on the weather.

The modifications will allow traffic traveling west on Tenth Street to use both lanes to turn south onto Robins Parkway.

In addition to new pavement markings and signage, the traffic lights controlling these two lanes will be modified.

— From staff reports

'Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day' set for April 22

"Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day", designed for both girls and boys and focuses on expanding future opportunities for children in their work and family lives, will be April 22.

The annual event is supported by the Ms. Foundation for Women. Employees may participate in this program, workload permitting, however, some areas may not be suitable to bring teenagers and children due to safety concerns. Individual organizations are responsible for identifying those areas.

Employees who wish to participate must obtain approval from their immediate supervisor.

For more information, contact your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-5802/0677.

— From staff reports

Robins sergeant hopes old clothes become source of healing

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A little history....

Mr. Victor Westphall and his family began construction on the Vietnam Veterans Peace and Brotherhood Chapel in 1968 after the death of his son, Marine Lt. David Westphall, who was killed that year in an enemy ambush in Con Thien, South Vietnam.

The shrine, built using his son's GI insurance, was completed and dedicated in 1971.

On Nov. 13, 1987, the U.S. Congress recognized it as a memorial of national significance and, on the same day, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation to that effect.

The memorial includes a visitor's center, a chapel and a history of conflict display, with videos and memorabilia.

The memorial is staffed by volunteers, and veterans can use on-site computers to get information about loved ones. Mr. Westphall passed away last year. His final resting place is atop the hill just behind the chapel. He was 89.

Don't throw away those old BDUs and boots. Give them to Tech. Sgt. Juan Solis, who hopes to turn old cloth into a source of healing for



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Tech. Sgt. Juan Solis is collecting uniforms for the Angel Fire Vietnam Veterans National Memorial in New Mexico.

Vietnam veterans.

Sergeant Solis, of the 5th Combat Communications Group, is alone in his effort to seek the help of Robins and local communities in collecting old uniforms and boots for a special Memorial Day observance for Vietnam veterans in Angel Fire, N.M.

This observance dates back to the early '80s. Sergeant Solis calls it a "healing place."

It was a place that "healed" his uncle, Mr. Ricardo Palomares, a disabled Vietnam veteran with two Purple Heart medals who made the journey to Angel Fire in 1995.

What to know

Place your old BDUs and boots in drop box locations at the Robins Base Exchange, the VFW Post 6605 and the American Legion.

Sergeant Solis said his uncle is better for it. Prior to the pilgrimage, Mr. Pamoeres never spoke about Vietnam or how the war affected him. "When I came back from Desert Storm, my uncle finally talked to me about some of his stories."

The observance site – the Vietnam Veterans Peace and Brotherhood Chapel and Visitor's Center – was built by Mr. Victor Westphall and his family as a tribute to his son who was killed in the war.

Sergeant Solis said he feels we all owe something to Vietnam veterans and this is his way of paying part of that debt.

"For years Vietnam veterans weren't acknowledged like veterans of other wars," he said. "Being able to do this gives me a feeling that I can't explain."

Sergeant Solis has placed collection boxes at the Robins Base Exchange, the VFW 6605 and the

American Legion. The boxes will be out until the beginning of May.

"Depending on how much I collect, I'm hoping that I will be able to provide airlift to deliver it," he said. "I'm just hoping that other organizations want to get involved, and we get some volunteers."

Boxes have been out since March 1, and the Base Exchange bin is half full, but more are needed. Items to be donated include BDUs boots, shirts, pants and field jackets. Vietnam-era clothing would be "really nice" to have, he said.

Those who attend the observance wear the donated military uniforms and attend a memorial service where they discuss their war experiences – some for the first time.

"It really helps for them to speak to others who share their experiences," he said.

Though he is alone in his quest, he hopes that like Angel Fire, his collection drive turns into something big.

"I'm hoping that it grows and Vietnam vets get the recognition they deserve," he said.

Although he has never visited Angel Fire he hopes to one day, perhaps if this drive goes well, he can be there when the uniforms are delivered.

ASSIGNMENTS

Col. Darrell H Holcomb, from MAT Group director, F/A-22 Weapon Systems, ASC/YFA, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to MAT Group director, C-130 System Program Office, WR-ALC, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Col. Timothy P. Ryan, from Avionics Production Division chief,

WR-ALC/MAI, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to MAT Group director, Aircraft Division, WR-ALC, Robins.

Col. Donald B. Chew, from 4th Maintenance Group commander, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., to Avionics Production Division chief, WR-ALC/MAI,

Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Col. Terry J. Kinney from 116th Maintenance Group commander, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to Joint Personal Property Shipping Office commander San Antonio, Texas.

Col. Daniel J. Zachman from 116th Maintenance Group deputy

commander Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to 116th Maintenance Group commander, Robins.

Col. Steven W. Zander from 4th Mission Support Group commander, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., to Headquarters AFRC Civil Engineer, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Col. James T. Danielson, MAT Group director, Aircraft Division, WR-ALC, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., retires June 1.

Col. Gregory M. Postulka, MAT Group director, C-130 System Program Office, WR-ALC, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., retires July 1.

Commander's call session schedule

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Session 1 - 7:30 a.m.	MAB
78th ABW/SF	MAD
653rd CLSS	MAI
MAB	MAM
MAI	MAN
Session 2 - 10:30 a.m.	MAW
MAB	MAA
MAD	MAM
MAM	MAN
MA-2	MAP
MAA	78th CEG
	APRIL 23
	Session 4 - 7 a.m.

78th ABW/SF
653rd CLSS
MAB
MAD
MAI
MAM
MAN
Session 5 - 10 a.m.
BC
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JA

CCV/CCR
CCM
CCX
ALC/XP
339th FTS
653rd CLSS
FM
EM
LE
LX
Media/former commanders/community leaders
APRIL 26
Session 6 - 7:30 a.m.

MAS
MAM
MAB
MAD
MAM
Session 7 - 10:30 a.m.
78th CEG
78th MDG
EN
LS
LM
DISA
Session 8 - 2 p.m.
LM

PK
LU
LB
78th MDG
LF
LG
LT
78th ABW/XF
Session 9 - 5 p.m.
MAB
MAD
MAI
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MAN

MAS
APRIL 27
Session 10 - 8:30 a.m.
LT
AE
78th ABW staff
78th ABW/HC
78th ABW/MEO
78th ABW/OSS
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78th ABW/LRS
78th ABW/CS
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78th Air Base Wing's base operations gets a makeover

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Decades of traffic, wear and tear and outdated equipment have been replaced in the first large-scale renovation of the 78th Air Base Wing's Base Operations Center in 40 years.

Commonly known as "base ops," the flight line home of the people who run Robins' base operations, flight records, airfield management and weather mission underwent an

estimated \$350,000 facelift that included new walls, floors, furniture, comfort facilities and state-of-the-art equipment.

Col. Tom Smoot, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will lead the contingent cutting the ribbon at an official opening Thursday at 10 a.m.

"The renovation thrusts base operations and airfield management into the 21st century," said Maj. Glenn Sigley, 78th Operations Support Squadron commander.

"We had an antiquated facility - one of the oldest in the Air Force Materiel Command. What we have now is state of the art and solidifies our place as every aircrew's transient stop of choice in the Southeast region.

"Our squadron operates on a sense of values based on taking care of 'family, facilities and flying.' This particular renovation embraces the latter two. This serves to provide our personnel top-notch facili-

ties, all the while looking out for our customers - the aircrews and war fighters executing the flying mission."

The renovation, which began Jan. 3, included gutting and replacing floors, walls, ceilings, showers and aircrew restrooms and lounge. Aircrew flight planning tables and storage units for flight instrument publications were specially designed for this facility, while keeping the focus on the cus-

tomers' needs. The facility features a new base ops counter for airfield management dispatchers, a digital-voice recorder system, enhanced terminal voice switch communications package, cipher locks and phone entry doors, to enhance security.

Major Sigley praised the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, saying they "accomplished a remarkable transformation" with the renovation.

Easter holds special meaning for 5th CCG

By Ms. Holly J. Logan
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Four Airmen from the 5th Combat Communications Group will enjoy a much more serene Easter sunrise. A year ago, the sunrise they experienced was a bit more surreal.

They were part of a 12-man team dropped into war-devastated Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, in the predawn hours of Easter 2003.

There was no sermon; no hymns to warm their hearts, just an eerie silence after the C-130 transport that brought them to that desolate place quickly vanished in the dusty skies.

Today, Lt. Col. Scott Moser, 5th Combat Communications Support Squadron commander, Chief Master Sgt. Karl Griffin and Master Sgts. Jack Ladley and Tony Johnson, who deployed to Iraq from April 3 to July 2, 2003, wear Bronze Star Medals on their chests as reminders of their contributions to the war in Iraq.

A year may have passed, but the memories remain. From the moment they made the bone-jarring assault landing in a C-130 into Kirkuk, they knew this was going to be one unforgettable experience.

"They (the C-130 crew) came in using a combat landing approach to avoid any ground-to-air missiles," said Sergeant Ladley, first sergeant for the 54th Combat Communications Squadron. "You have no idea of how high you are or where you're going to land and it's very dark. The bad part though was when they opened the back door, kicked us out and the plane was gone within one or two minutes."

Sergeant Johnson, 51st Combat Communications Squadron flight chief and father of three, said even with the important mission at the

forefront of his mind, thoughts of his family weren't left behind.

"After a few minutes, we knelt in a circle to gather our bearings and figure out what we were going to do next. That's when we realized that it was Easter, and I really started thinking about my wife and my kids and what I was missing."

The 38-year-old Macon, Ga., native described the dusty, deserted scene as surreal.

"Conditions were desolate," he said. "Nothing was working...no power, no water, and everything was nasty. Dawn was just coming up and we were sitting on the ramp and didn't know where we were. It was pretty scary."

The Airmen, along with more than 100 others, worked 20-hour days in temperatures well above 100 degrees laying telephone wiring and setting up computer equipment for unit commanders to relay vital information to hundreds of troops in the Middle East.

"They worked as long as they needed to get the job done - and they did a good job," said Chief Griffin, 54th CCS superintendent. "Thanks to the work of Sergeant Johnson and his people, 10,000 U.S. Army personnel got a chance to finally call home. That really built up their (Army troops) morale because they had been out there for months without phones."

Sergeant Ladley said while the war-time experience is in his past, vivid images make it real even today.

"It's a year later, but it feels like yesterday," he said. "I think about 46 of our men and women that just went over there three weeks ago and I really feel for them because I know exactly what they're thinking and feeling, because I felt it back then."

Final frame



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Mr. Roland Leach, former Robins Report producer, has accepted a job as the multi-media production specialist at the Museum of Aviation.

Robins Report producer moves on

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"On this week's show..."

For the past nine years, Thursdays have been longer than any day of the week - at least for Mr. Roland Leach.

That's because, as the cameraman, reporter, scriptwriter, editor and producer for the Robins Report, Thursdays have been the days when Mr. Leach has spliced together bits and pieces of the mission, people and the very heart of Robins Air Force Base to fit tightly into a televised 30-minute time capsule.

But as of Monday, the 43-year-old Zion, Ill., native won't be up until the wee hours creating the show that has been around in some form or another for almost as long as the base itself. He has accepted a job as the multi-media production specialist at the Museum of Aviation.

Mr. Leach said he will miss the

show, but "after nine years, I'm ready for a new challenge."

People have gotten used to seeing Mr. Leach around base, regardless the time of day or event. That's because news doesn't follow a schedule, it's not chained to a clock - and when it happened, Mr. Leach was always there with a camera on his shoulder and a microphone in his hand.

"I am leaving a high pressure job, but it's a job I loved," Mr. Leach said. "It's been my privilege to bring to life missions that people put their hearts and souls into. My role has been to give everyone a glimpse into what we do, to showcase the people who do the work and the pride they bring to their jobs."

Mr. Leach said he's ready for a new set of deadlines and opportunities as he delves into Museum of Aviation events such as the annual induction of honorees into the Museum's Georgia Hall of Fame and the development of an exhibit showcasing the 5th Combat Communications Group.

His new boss, Museum of Aviation Director Mr. Paul Hibbitts, said the museum would be expanding its scope and adding multimedia capabilities.

"To carry the museum to the next level, we have to modernize," Mr. Hibbitts said. "The technology and breadth of experience that Roland will bring to our operation is vast, and his interview and production skills and background as a veteran of Robins Report will be a valuable asset to the museum."

Among the museum's new developments will be expanding exhibits to include a number of on base units, live dioramas and animatronics.

Deputy Director of Public Affairs Ms. Judy Smith said that in the interim of filling Mr. Leach's position, Robins Report will continue to feature Air Force News. She also praised Mr. Leach for his work ethic and energy.

"His attitude always was 'we gotta get the show out'. He never dropped the ball, and he always put the show out on time."

Chaplains' mission remains same at home, abroad

By Ms. Holly J. Logan
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In the midst of everyday life, chaplains are a visual reminder of the holy, said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel H. Nigolian.

Chaplain Nigolian, wing chaplain here for nearly a

year, and six other chaplains on his staff help people at Robins freely exercise their right to worship - at home and abroad.

The 53-year-old Cleveland native said while the nature of their business has remained the same, the chaplain work area has changed.

"Before, it was like running a church inside an Air Force base," he said. "Now, our job is done more in a

What to know

The Base Chapel, in Building 769, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Six chaplains, representing various faiths, are on staff to help people at Robins exercise their right to free expression of religion. For more information, contact the Base Chapel at 926-2821.

deployed setting. What you find in a wartime situation is that people tend to pay more attention and depend more on that spiritual strength than they would necessarily at home. When you're in a situation where you could be in jeopardy, the spiritual becomes rather more important."

As early as 6 a.m., Chaplain Nigolian can be found preparing for the upcoming week's worship services, consulting with other chaplains about base chapel programs, as well as ensuring his staff are properly trained for whatever they may face at home or away.

"We're with the troops, pretty much wherever they are," he said. "We'll see them off when they go in-country and meet them when they come back, often sitting with them on the runway and offering communion, Bibles or whatever they need."

Robins is never left alone in the darkness of despair, with one of six chaplains on duty 24 hours a day.

"The on-duty chaplain can be reached through Robins Command Post after hours," the chaplain said. "We've

had numerous conversations with people at 2 and 3 in the morning. Sometimes, we'll meet with them and sometimes a phone call is enough to get them through the night until we can meet with them the next day. When people are in extreme situations, they tend to call on their faith - and we're the people who help them do that."

Although helping someone grow closer to God during the trials and triumphs of life is not always easy, it's one that the chaplain said gives him great joy.

"God is my ultimate boss," he said. "If I know I've kept close to him, I've done all that I can do, and can answer him with a clear conscience and heart, then I have to leave that person in his hands."

The chaplain, ordained by



Courtesy photo

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel H. Nigolian delivers a sermon during a recent service at the Base Chapel.

the United Methodist Church, said it's important for everyone to realize that no one can accomplish Robins' mission alone.

"Just as there's no unimportant people in God's eyes, there's no unimportant job in the Air Force's sight of the mission," he said.

Commander celebrates fini flight



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Detra Mason

Col. James "Rev" Jones, 116th Operations Group commander, gets drenched after his last flight as a member of the 116th Air Control Wing. Colonel Jones, who will be replaced by Col. (select) Kimberly Corcoran May 25, will be assuming command of the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates. Colonel Corcoran is currently commander of the 3rd Mission Support Group, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

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New policy allows civil service retiree rehires without penalties

By Ms. Holly J. Logan
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Civil service retirees can now fill critical positions without losing their retirement pay, thanks to a new Defense Department policy that was implemented recently.

The Selective Employment of Retirees Program is a stand-alone provision authorized by the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, but Civilian Personnel officials at Robins said they are unsure of how it will be used.

Ms. Marilyn Gantt, chief of Robins Employment Office, said the program – open to retired civil service employees hired since Nov. 24 – will help Robins' work force with experience continuity.

"The Selective Employment Program for Retirees will enhance our applicant pool and allow us to tap into experienced and talented leaders that weren't interested in federal employment," she said. "It will enhance the applicant pool with more highly qualified applicants."

In approving the policy, Mr. David Chu, under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said the policy will help the Defense Department address the problem of having an aging work force.

"This tool will help us address the challenges of a 'retirement-driven talent-drain' as our current generation of dedicated civil servants becomes eligible to retire," he said.

The policy requires quali-

fied retirees be hired for hard-to-fill positions where the retiree has unique or specialized skills or qualifications. Retirees cannot be reemployed in their previous job positions unless someone above the hiring official approves and certifies the critical conditions.

In addition, retirees may be hired for up to one year as a mentor to less experienced employees or to provide continuity during critical organizational transitions.

Before any retirees can be rehired, positions must be offered to qualified Defense Department workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

Editor's Note: Air Force Personnel News Service contributed to this article.

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A small part of something big, a big part of something small

BAGHDAD, IRAQ – Today, in my trailer out behind the Republican Palace in Baghdad, I am preparing to return to Robins Air Force Base at the end of my four-month rotation. I've spent every day since the 5th of December helping to rebuild Iraq and introduce true democracy to a nation that had lived under a brutal dictatorship for almost as long as I've been alive. Despite the well-documented dan-



Maj. Mike Pierson

gers of this place, this has been the most rewarding job I have ever had. I have worked alongside more than 120,000 Americans, Poles, Ukrainians, Japanese, British, Australians, and other coalition partners. I have seen Iraqis rebuilding their schools, restoring power plants, and pumping water into marshes and irrigation systems that Saddam's regime drained to wield his power. I watched as the 25 members of the Iraqi Governing Council overcame their differences and agreed on a transitional constitution for Iraq; the most liberal democratic constitution in the Middle East. I was witness to Iraqi journalists

breaking down in tears at the sight of a video of a captured Saddam Hussein. One of those men had been held for seven years in Saddam's jails. I saw the cage where prisoners were held in the basement of the office of the former Vice President of Iraq. I spoke with Iraqis who had been tortured, imprisoned or lost relatives to the dictator. I visited the town of Kut, in the pastoral southern region where agriculture and traditional society dominate. I helped organize the first "town hall" meeting in the rough-and-tumble Sunni triangle town of Baquba. I watched as Iraqis of all backgrounds passionately debated

the meaning of democracy in the new Iraq. I spoke with Kurds in the north of Iraq who proudly have organized their own political and social system for the last 10 years, but are willing to join with a greater Iraq. These people are all very proud and hungry for freedom. They will have it soon as the Iraqis take control of their own government again June 30. I feel honored to have been a small part of something very big here in Iraq. But, now its time for me to come home – to be a big part of something small. Waiting for me in Georgia is my wife, Julie, whom I have known now for nearly 20 years. She, like

hundreds of thousands of military wives - and husbands - has been taking care of our home, our children and our old dog, while I've been away. My children have gone through their daily lives without their dad. E-mail and phone calls have kept us in touch, but they can never replace being there. In a strange way, I will miss Baghdad. I've been amazed at the dedication of the people I've met and have made some lifelong friends here. But, as easy as it is to get wrapped up in the excitement of this place, I realize that the biggest impact I can ever have is not in the palace, but in my home. See you later this month.

Measuring Robins' battle skills can be a blessing in disguise

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel H. Nigolian
78th Air Base Wing Chaplain

Three men, waiting in the room for expectant fathers, waited for word of the arrival of their infants. Some while later a nurse came in and announced to one of the men that his wife had just given birth to twins. "That's amazing" he said, "I play for the Minnesota Twins!" About 20 minutes later another nurse came in and announced to the second gentleman that his wife had given birth to triplets. "Wow!" he stated, "I work



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel H. Nigolian

for the 3M Company!" Upon hearing this, the third man fell off his chair and fainted. After the others present revived him, they enquired as to why he had fainted. He said, "I work for 7-UP!" Blessings sometimes come in bunches. Most of us would probably have a difficult time adjusting to the blessing of seven children being born into our family at one time, but, on the other hand, it does tend to illustrate how God often works. Oh, I'm not talking about seven children at once, but I am speaking about blessings in general. God is often more willing to give to us than we are willing to ask. It is his greatest desire that we be happy, healthy human beings. He wants nothing more than what is best for us. Given his preference, all would be well in our lives both here and

hereafter. This includes all aspects of our lives. It is a fact of Air Force life that we receive inspections and evaluations on a regular basis. Part of what makes us so effective in the field is that we often practice and hone our skills. We are periodically tested to see how well we are doing; how good we really are. The devastating impact our Air Force has on enemy forces is a tribute to the intense training and preparation we go through. The trend toward shorter and shorter wars, with fewer and fewer casualties is a result. We may never know how many wars have actually been averted simply because the bad guys don't want to face us. This is all good. As a matter of fact it may even be called a blessing from God. Soon the Air Base Wing will be involved in an Operational Readiness

Inspection, or ORI. Our battle skills will be tested. We will discover those places where we excel and those where more work is needed. All this will contribute in a measurable way to our ability to do our mission – the task our country has set before us. Though it may stress us to a certain extent, all of this legitimately falls into the category called "blessing." God has blessed America in some remarkable ways. He's granted us goodness and mercy far beyond what mankind has ever experienced. We enjoy a standard of living, health, longevity, convenience and ease that have been unknown until we came along. With the unprecedented blessings we enjoy however, comes the responsibility to do good on a global scale. That's what we do. We train to keep the people of

our country secure. We are the guardians of that remarkable document the Constitution of the United States that enables and empowers our American way of life. Our life and witness is literally world-changing. The very fact that we exist as a free and self-determining people provides remarkable testimony to what human beings can achieve when we choose to be "one nation under God." This fact makes us both an example and a target. Those who wish to subjugate and oppress others have a difficult time with us. They see our example as a direct contradiction to their lifestyle and propaganda. We threaten them. It's more than religion; it's how we live, how we value others and our reliance on God. God has blessed us, and it's quite obvious to the world. He has blessed

America over a long period of time. There is no reason why we shouldn't continue to be blessed. We are part of the blessing God provides our nation and our world. So, when we are tested, when we are tasked to sharpen and prove our effectiveness, what's really happening is that we are becoming more and more the blessing God wants for his American people. We're learning to do our jobs in better and better ways. What we do is a high calling and a great privilege. "When you do the common things in life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world." – George Washington Carver Personally, I think when the inspectors land, Team Robins Plus is going to water their eyes!

Commander's Action Line

Col. Tom Smoot
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing



Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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IDEA.....	926-2536
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Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Can you reopen the Guard Gate?

Kudos to the gate guards for they do a great job. Since the number of personnel at the gates has reduced, are there any plans to open the Guard Gate again? We who work in the Outback (Joint STARS) area would really appreciate it. A limited operation schedule for peak traffic times would probably work (i.e., 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.).

Commander replies: Thank you for recognizing the great

work our professionals do to control entry at the base gates. In our ever-changing environment, we rely on these defenders to maintain a safe environment on Robins Air Force Base for mission success. In order to best meet the travel and security needs of all base personnel, and in consideration of revised force protection requirements, we cannot at this time open Gate 15 (Guard Gate) off of Highway 247. Currently, Robins has five gates on Hwy 247 available to expedite entry onto the installation. As you may know, the Air Force has recently implemented a ser-

vice-wide policy requiring 100 percent identification checks for all vehicles entering the installation, which requires additional manpower to ensure minimum delays at the gates. This will be the long-term "normal" posture. An additional concern for Gate 15 is safety. The small merge lane without any traffic control signals creates a high-risk environment for southbound motorists attempting to negotiate traffic typically traveling in excess of 60 miles per hour. We'll re-evaluate if conditions change. Thank you for your comments.

Remember to slow down

There have been

165

speeding tickets issued year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles = 3 points
11 - 15 miles = 4 points
16 - 20 miles = 5 points
21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action. To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker

Robins has adopted a zero tolerance policy for drinking and driving. In addition to an incentive for no DUIs and putting up signs to keep the message in drivers' minds as they leave the base, the Rev-Up will run weekly numbers of DUIs. April: 1 April 2003: 3 Year to date: 20* 2003: 63 Number of days since last DUI: 13
*one of this year's DUIs involved a civilian who is not connected to the base

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Tax Center sign-up

Effective immediately, the Base Tax Center will begin accepting sign-ups at 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Once the customer signs the list, he or she will be given information regarding the tax preparation service as well as an estimated time to return in the afternoon to meet with a volunteer tax preparer. For more information, call the center at 926-2391 or 926-2635.

Enlisted Call

Retired Chief Master Secretary of the Air Force James M. McCoy will host an Enlisted Call for all enlisted personnel Thursday at the Base Theater. The scheduled times are as follows: Airmen, 9:30-10 a.m.; noncommissioned officers, 10:15-10:45 a.m.; and senior non-commissioned officers, 11-11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

Nail salon opening

Just Nails grand opening will be Thursday at 9 a.m. The nail salon is located at the BX concession mall between the flower shop and laundry and dry cleaners, Building 982. Store hours will be Mondays - Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call 328-1722.

Health Care Consumer's Advisory Council meeting

The quarterly 78th Medical Group Health Care Consumer's Advisory Council meeting will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend this open forum which will provide first hand information about current medical processes and future endeavors. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Denise Roberts at 327-8384.

OSC elegant bingo

The Officers' Spouses' Club Elegant Bingo will be held Thursday. Social time is at 9:30 a.m. and bingo will start promptly at 10. You must be a member in good standing to play. For reservations, call Ms. Nadine Moon at 929-5015.

Earth Day events

April 17 : 8 a.m., Bird watching with Dr. Bob, meet at Luna Lake; 8 a.m. - noon, Fishing Rodeo, Luna Lake, fishing, games, demonstrations

April 19 and 20: 11 a.m. -1 p.m., Environmental awareness display, Robins BX

April 21: 10 - 11 a.m., Historic Forest Tree Planting ceremony, Parade Field; presentation of Tree City USA to Brig. Gen. Chris T. Anzalone; and dedication of trees; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Museum of Aviation,

Eagle Building, Environmental displays and art exhibit

Hail and Farewell

There will be an Officers' Hail and Farewell, conducted by Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, 4 p.m. April 22 at the Officers' Club ballroom. For more information, contact Ms. Sheila White at 327-9101 or sheila.white@robins.af.mil.

'Jazz at Six' series

The Museum of Aviation Foundation's "Jazz at Six" series will feature the Monty Cole Trio at the Museum of Aviation April 22 from 6 - 8 p.m. Admission will be \$7 per person, and Museum of Aviation Society of Eagles members will get in free. For more information, contact Mr. Bob Dubiel at 923-6600 or bdubiel@museumofaviation.org.

101st Airborne Association Georgia Chapter

The 101st Airborne Association Georgia Chapter will meet April 23-25 at Robins. All "airborne" of any division or branch of service are invited. For more information, call Mr. Grady Jones at 956-5787 or 396-3846.

MPF wait times

The Military Personnel Flight is taking appointments for the Common

Access Card to ensure short wait times. The Defense Department deadline to get your CAC is April 30. To make an appointment, call the MPF at 327-7361/62/63.

The 78th MSS/DPMPs Customer Service is tasked with handling new hires every other Monday for civilian personnel. The next date for new hires is April 19 and every other Monday after that date all year long. The wait times will be longer due to prearranged obligations.

5th MOB 40th anniversary

The 5th Combat Communications Group will celebrate 40 Years of Excellence this May. For more information on the anniversary and alumni reunion, go to www.robins.af.mil/5ccg/40thAnniversary/index.htm or call 1st Lt. Jason Fields at 926-2053.

Red Cross volunteers

The American Red Cross Middle Georgia chapter is looking for teens to volunteer at Robins. Applications are available today at area high schools, Family Support Center and the ARC office on Corder Road. For more information, contact Ms. Mary Jennings at 923-6332 or mjennings@redcrossmga.org. Also, units and offices that are interested in having a teen volunteer should contact Ms. Jennings.

Arkansas Air Guard vacancies

The 223rd Combat Communication Squadron in Hot Springs, Ark., has traditional Guard vacancies for individuals that are separating from the active duty Air Force or that are qualified for the Palace Chase and Palace Front Program in the following AFSC's: 2E1X1, 3C0X1, 3C251, 2E2X1, 2E6X1 and 2E1X3. Cross training is available. There is also an electrical engineer officer position available. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kenneth R. Esaw at DSN 627-9226 or (800) 631-0509.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The Houston Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers for Robins' clinics. The days and hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. If interested, call Ms. Mary Jennings at 923-6332, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. to set up an appointment for an orientation and placement time.

Lost and found

A wallet, cell phone and three sets of keys have been found. To identify lost property, call Investigator Genis Hall, found property custodian, 78th Security Forces Investigations, at 926-5271.

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Breaking the silence

Hush house workers have something to **shout** about



U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

Ms. Barbara Estrada, aircraft engine mechanic, prepares to test an F-15 engine. She is one of a four-person crew who works full-time in the hush house.

By Ms. Lisa Mathews
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Early in March, the engines revved up and the silence in the hush house came to an end. A foreign object damage incident in June led to the decision to curtail engine runs in the hush house and to revamp the facility used to test F-15 engines.

"As a result of that FOD incident, we wanted to determine what happened. We also did a top-to-bottom review," said Maj. Ray Shankles, F-15 maintenance supervisor who oversees the production efforts for the F-15 Production Branch. "We wanted, not only to prevent another mishap, but to take the opportunity to go back and make it a first-class operation."

Testing, testing ...

The hush house is used to run engines prior to installation, but Major Shankles said they hope that in the future they can test engines in the facility after being installed on aircraft.

The hush house works as advertised. "You can tell an engine is running if you are standing somewhat close to the hush house," the major explained. "It actually suppresses the sound very nicely."

"Prior to the (FOD) mishap, two people worked in the hush house part time," Major Shankles said. "We all know that no one washes a rental car. So one of the things we decided was to have a sense of ownership. We've put four people working there full-time. It's not a large crew, but it's a very professional crew. They take great care of the facility."

People, time and attention are providing greater capability for the facility, according to Major Shankles.

"We started with getting the system program office and Center safety involved. We also included our in-house engineers, civil engineers, environmental, fire department, item managers and the communications squadron - a lot of players," Major Shankles said.

The group traveled to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., to observe procedures used in the hush house there. Explaining the group was not trying to reinvent the wheel, the major said they chose to take something



Right, Mr. Melvin Bates, aircraft jet engine mechanic, runs an F-15 engine from inside the cab at the hush house facility.



Above, an F-15 engine is tested in the hush house. The tunnel behind the engine allows fire and exhaust to escape.

that worked and copied it down to the letter.

Almost everything. Robins' hush house uses exclusive software to test engines.

"This test cell is unique in that, while the facility looks the same as Eglin, the software is one-of-a-kind in the Air Force. We're the first one to get it," the major said.

Each day is different

Ms. Barbara Estrada, an aircraft engine mechanic in the shop, said she volunteered because she enjoys learning new things and, in the hush house, lots of new things

crop up and each day is different.

In fact, the only drawback to working in the hush house is the temperature.

"It's cold in here. The building is a lot of concrete and metal. There are a lot of open doors and a lot of free, fresh air. So it's cold," she said.

Mr. Melvin Bates and Mr. Skip Stuart, two other mechanics in the shop, both had prior experience running engines. Both enjoy the trouble-shooting aspect of the job and the variety of challenges they face in doing so.

"That is the part I think is neat - trying to figure out what the engine is doing," said Mr. Stuart.

MA raises battle cry; 'FOD kills'

By Ms. Lisa Mathews
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Mr. Jim Culpepper, director of the Maintenance Directorate, has encouraged MA employees to take up the battle cry that FOD kills.

The director wants to remind anyone on the flight line and in industrial areas that FOD, or foreign object damage, is a constant threat to maintenance operations and, in the worse case scenario, to human lives.

Chief Master Sgt. Jay Taylor, Aircraft Division Quality Assurance Branch chief, said the division is being aggressive about educating the work force on the dangers of FOD.

"People don't realize that something as common as the stem from a rivet can foul an ejection seat to where a pilot could not get out of an aircraft in an emergency," he explained. "We want to educate people on how a misplaced screw, nut, bolt, piece of hardware or even a tool could eventually cost a person their life or cause irreparable damage to one of our war fighting assets."

The QA office is approaching the education in steps. Posters highlighting the dangers of FOD are being displayed in the maintenance areas. The Air Force sponsors contests to design eye-catching FOD posters. The second step is to change the mindset of the work force.

"Unlike assembling a swing set for you child's birthday, it's good not to have any extra pieces leftover when you put the aircraft back together. But, worse than that is to have extra pieces left inside a panel and not put where they belong," Chief Taylor said. "(A mechanic) leaving a tool or piece of hardware inside an airplane would have the same effect as a doctor leaving a surgical sponge or scalpel inside his patient. Somewhere down the line it's going to cause problems."

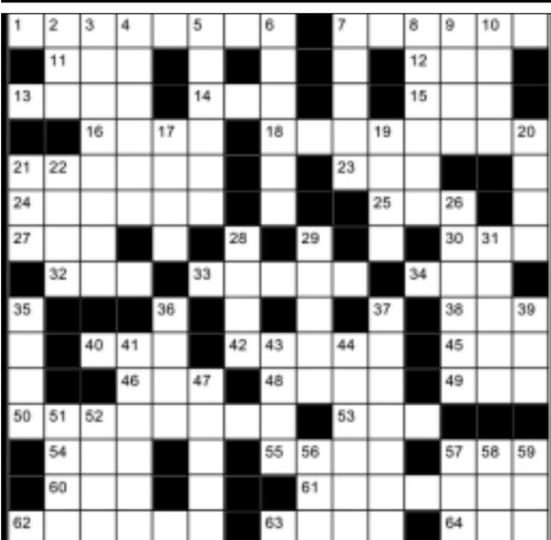
The push is to make the entire work force aware of FOD.

"We're trying to get every mechanic, even those in the back shops, to realize that while they don't actually work on the airplane, there are actions they take part in that will affect the airplane somewhere down the line," he said.

"One of the best ways to decrease our incidents of FOD is to have a good housekeeping program," Chief Taylor said. "In shops and work areas that are clean there is less chance that something that doesn't belong will migrate into an aircraft."

"The battle cry sums it all up. FOD kills. It can kill people. It can kill aircraft. It can kill dollars. It doesn't care. It will take out anything," he said.

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SECAF History (1985-present)

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

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- 1. SECAF 4/8/86-12/16/88
- 7. SECAF 11/1/97-1/20/01
- 11. Former org. concerned with Johnson's 'War on Poverty' (abbrev.)
- 12. Former White House spokesman Fleischer
- 13. Language in Pakistan
- 14. New
- 15. Pen brand
- 16. Russian river
- 18. Actress Turner
- 21. Kennedy's wife
- 23. Behold
- 24. Blood carrier?
- 25. Cash machine
- 27. Tiny
- 30. Corporate head? (abbrev.)
- 32. Compute
- 33. SECAF 6/1/01-present
- 34. Mock
- 38. Make a mistake
- 40. YA-1 aircraft (abbrev.)
- 42. Spiny plants
- 45. USAF org. concerned with intel.
- 46. Untested
- 48. Timber
- 49. Legend (as in map)
- 50. SECAF 12/16/88-4/29/89 (acting)
- 53. NYSE symbol for Fannie Mae
- 54. Deployed USAF wing (abbrev.)
- 55. Treaty governing US forces overseas (abbrev.)
- 57. Terminate
- 60. British equivalent to Special Forces
- 61. SECAF 1/21/01-5/31/01 (acting)

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- 2. Military punishment (abbrev.)
- 3. Took away
- 4. SECAF 12/1/85-4/7/86
- 5. SECAF 1/20/93-7/13/93 (acting)
- 6. Conjured up
- 7. Trousers
- 8. Pill
- 9. Great Lake
- 10. SECAF 5/1/89-1/20/93
- 17. Broadcasts
- 19. Entropy, in a way
- 20. Emperor who let Rome burn?
- 21. Mandible
- 22. Region
- 26. SECAF 7/14/93-8/5/93 (acting)
- 28. Military commissioning source (abbrev.)
- 29. 70s TV show _____ and the Man
- 31. Scary
- 35. Military living area
- 36. Member of ethnic group in the Balkans
- 37. SECAF 8/6/93-10/31/97
- 39. Type of fish in the shark family
- 41. Skim
- 43. Plant bristles
- 44. Chewy candy
- 47. SECAF 4/29/89-5/21/89 (acting)
- 51. Currency
- 52. Equipment
- 56. Lyrical poem
- 57. Tolkien character
- 58. Formerly
- 59. Stain

For puzzle solution, see April 16 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for April 2



LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following person has been approved as a participant in the leave transfer program.

Mr. Jack Holcomb, WR-ALC/LXJE. Point of contact is Mr. Dennis Kicklighter, WR-ALC/LXJE, at 926-0757.

Ms. Deanna Young, WR-ALC/PAK. Point of contact is Ms. Debra Lomax, WR-ALC/PAK, at 926-5020.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Building 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop will be Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is April 14, 8:30 a.m. - noon, in Building 905, Room 159.

Community tour

The FSC Community Tour for all Team Robins members and their eligi-

ble family members will be April 14, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meet at the FSC. This tour is designed to help newcomers become familiar with the surrounding communities. The tour includes information on some of Macon's downtown and historic districts, a visit to the Ocmulgee Indian Mounds, a trip through Ft. Valley, and concludes with a visit to the county seat in Perry.

Resume research & writing

A workshop on Resume Research & Writing will be conducted on April 16, 1-3 p.m., Building 905, Room 138.

Job fair success

The FSC will offer a class on preparing for a job fair April 19, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 137.

Applied suicide skills training

A workshop on Applied Suicide Skills Training will be April 21-22, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Base

Chapel annex. This training is for anyone interested in preventing a suicide.

Resume and cover letter

Reservations are being accepted for a Resume and Cover Letter Workshop April 21, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, Family Support Center annex. This class is designed to help the beginner get started and the more advanced participant the opportunity to improve their product.

Sponsorship training

The FSC will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors April 22, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Building 945, Family Support Center annex.

The training provides information on what types of information to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and finally sponsors are given vital information regarding his/her responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club

The Aero Club open house will be April 17. The new Piper Warrior airplane will be on display. There will also be aviation movies, surplus aviation items and free time on the simulator. Discovery flights for up to three passengers will be available for \$50, and guests can enter a drawing for a discovery flight gift certificate.

Base Library

In celebration of National Library Week and Library Worker's Day an open house will be held April 20 from 1:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Child Development Centers East & West

In recognition of the month of the young child, the Children's Health Fair will be held April 16 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. There will be booths with information on kid-friendly equipment, nutrition, substance abuse, crime prevention, dental care and Tricare.

Civilian Recreation

Come out to the Base Restaurant Thursday for Tax Relief Bingo. Door prizes and higher payouts will be awarded. Come early for the food fair at 5 p.m., and games start at 7 p.m.

Family Night Bingo will be April 26 at the Smith Community Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per game pack, limit 3 packages per person. All children receive a prize when they pur-

chase their packs.

Enlisted Club

Easter brunch will be Sunday from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost for members and spouses is \$9.95; nonmembers, \$11.95; children 6 - 12 years, \$5.95; and children 5 and younger, free.

Officers' Club

Easter brunch will be Sunday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost for members and their spouse is \$13.95; nonmembers, \$14.95; children 5 - 11 years, \$5.95; and children 5 and younger are free.

Skills Development Center

The Skills Development Center will hold monthly classes in acrylic painting Tuesday, April 20 and 27 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50; drawing Monday and April 26 from 10 - 11:30 a.m., cost \$10; watercolor April 19 and 26 from noon - 2 p.m., cost \$10; cross stitch Tuesday, April 20 and 27 from 1 - 3 p.m., cost \$12.50; scrap booking April 23 from 12:30 - 2 p.m., cost \$12.50; beginning matting and framing April 20 and 22 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; decorative stamping April 22 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost \$12.50; oil painting Thursday, April 22 and 29 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost \$12.50. Registration and payment is required for all classes. Class space is limited. All classes are subject to change and do not include supply and equipment costs. For more information, call 926-5282.

Smith Community Center

Let's give the world a hand by joining the community center Wednesday to per-

form yard work for spouses of deployed family members. Families of deployed family members can contact their first sergeant if they would like help. Volunteers are needed for a minimum of two hours to all day. For more information, call 926-2105.

Learn to hand quilt with a six-week class starting Wednesday in the community center ballroom. Cost is \$55. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6 - 8 p.m. A supply list will be provided at the first class. For more information, call 926-2105.

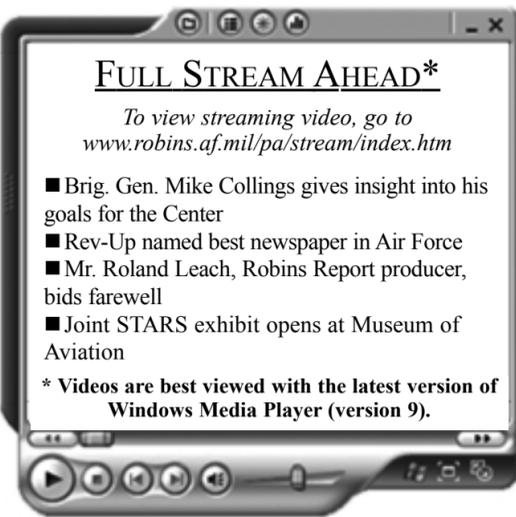
A Parent and Tots Ice Cream social will be held April 26 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Children of all ages are invited to join their parents for a morning of activities and fun.

A table tennis tournament will be held April 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the community center ballroom. The tournament is open to all base personnel. Cost is free, so sign up now. For more information, call 926-2105.

Teen Center

The second annual Space Camp for youth will be held in Huntsville, Ala. This program is open to family members of active duty assigned to or living on an Air Force installation, retired military, civilian employees, Air National Guard and reserve members. Those with a minimum 2.8 grade point average can obtain an application from the teen or youth center. Completed applications must be returned by April 16. For more information, call Mr. Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

STREAMING VIDEO



ROBINS REPORT

News from around the base - Watson and Cox Channel 15
Friday - 8 p.m. ■ Sunday - 1:30 p.m. ■ Monday - noon

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service

includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

Protestant Inspirational Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m.

Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary

styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumu'ah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Friday 7:30 p.m. - Twisted - Ashley Judd and Samuel L. Jackson

Police detective, Jessica Shepard, tracks a serial killer who murders the men she dates. When Jessica begins blacking out before each murder takes place, her partner, Mike Delmarco, and the police commissioner target her as the prime suspect.

Rated R (violence, language and sexuality) 99 minutes

Saturday 7:30 p.m. - Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen - Lindsay Lohan and Adam Garcia

New York City teenager, Lola, rules her school. She's the most popular kid around and assumes that will always be the case. But when her family moves to the suburbs, she finds that at her new school, Carla is the "drama queen" in residence.

Rated PG (mild thematic elements and brief language) 90 minutes



C-5 Floorboard Lean team earns 21st Century Partnership Award

By Ms. Holly J. Logan
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The C-5 Floorboard Lean team's recent 21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award win shows how working together helps the war fighting mission.

The award, presented by Mr. Steve Davis, Center executive director, March 30, is given semi-annually to those whose teamwork makes a difference.

The team saved \$5.5 million and reduced flow days from 42 to nine – an effort that played a major role in the record-breaking completion of program depot maintenance on 23 C-5 aircraft in fiscal 2003.

Mr. Jack Steed, 21st Century Partnership Awards

Committee chairman, said the team's efforts proved how even small groups can accomplish great achievements.

"This is a team who worked together to come up with a great plan to get C-5 floorboards in and out quicker," he said. "It's amazing what a small group can do by thinking and working together. It really stimulated the judges."

Retired Maj. Gen. Ron Smith, 21st Century Partnership Committee member, said the group's achievement is a testimony to Robins' outstanding support of the war fighter.

"The community is very proud of this team," he said. "I think the team's accomplishment validates how Robins provides capabilities for the



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

From left, Mr. Freddie Fudge, Mr. Heath Rowland and Mr. Tom Dupriest check their 21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award. Other members of the C-5 Floorboard Lean team stand in the background.

war fighter – and how people are the most important part of providing those capabilities."

The C-5 team was among seven nominated for the 21st Century Partnership award.

"I think the team's accomplishment validates how Robins provides capabilities for the war fighter - and how people are the most important part of providing those capabilities."

Retired Maj. Gen. Ron Smith
 21st Century Partnership Committee member

Special delivery



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Mary Smith

Girl Scouts from troop 62 talk to Lt. Col. Mick Quintrall, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron commander, after delivering 15 cases of cookies March 30. The cookies will be sent to deployed 116th Air Control Wing members as a little taste from home.

Enlisted eligible for scholarships worth \$200

The Robins chapter of the Airlift Tanker Association is giving away five - \$200 scholarships to enlisted personnel, E-4 to E-1, currently attending or enrolled in school. For an application or more information, contact 2nd Lt. Rob Clamp at 327-3001 or robert.clamp@robins.af.mil. Application deadline is May 7.

Also, the association is giving away scholarships for high school seniors. If you are interested, contact Lieutenant Clamp.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

A youth bowlers barbecue is scheduled for April 16 from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Help the Robins Youth bowlers raise money for the entry fee for the state tournament.

Civilian Recreation

The 14th annual DoD Team Bass tournament will be held at Sunset Marina, Dale Hollow Lake, Byrdstown, Tenn. from April 18 - 23. Sponsored in part by Byrdstown-Pickett County Chamber of Commerce and Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. For more information call Ms. Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

Fitness Center

An Easter egg hunt 5K run will be held today at 11 a.m. in front of the Health and Wellness Center. Sponsored in part by Atlanta Bread Company. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

There will be a blood pressure screening April 28 from 11 a.m. - noon.

Fitness Center customers are asked to go to www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the fitness survey to provide their input concerning the center. For more information, call Ms. Lesley Lee, center director.

The Fitness Center massage therapy has relocated to Lodging, Building 755, Room 5120. This convenient location is close to the medical clinic and Wynn Dining Facility. Appointments are available between 11:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and on Saturdays from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Costs are the following: half hour massage, \$35; one hour massage, \$45; one and half hour massage, \$60; one and half hour facial massage, \$60 and one hour aromatherapy, \$50. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Fitness Center at 926-2128.

Golf Course

During April, golfers can save money when they pay their annual green fees in advance. Yearly rates are as follows: E1-E4, \$396; E5 - O3, \$576; O4 - up and DoD civilians, \$660.

Outdoor Recreation

Come out and join the Swim Team. The Robins Masters Swim team begins May 3 and is open to the entire Robins community to include active duty, reservists, retirees and DoD civilians and immediate family members 18 years and older. Prior swim team experience is not required. Practices will be Mondays and Thursdays, 6 - 7 p.m. Register now at Outdoor Recreation, Building 914. For more information, call 926-4001 or e-mail Ms. Abigail White at abigail.white@robins.af.mil. If you wish to volunteer as a swim coach, call Outdoor Recreation at 926-4001 or e-mail Ms. White.

AFA's annual scholarship golf tournament set April 30

The Air Force Association Carl Vinson Chapter 296 will host its annual Stafford Scholarship Golf Tournament April 30 at Waterford Golf Club.

Tee times are at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., with lunch at 11 a.m.

This four-person scramble

is the sole AFA Chapter 296 fundraiser to support its scholarship program for Robins Air Force Base military members who are captains and below.

Each year, four \$500 scholarships are presented to military members and one Junior ROTC member of a

local high school to help them further their education.

Additional information on the golf tournament can be found on the chapter Web site at www.cv-afa.org/GolfTournament.htm.

To register to play or to become a sponsor of the golf tournament either register

online at www.cv-afa.org/GolfTournament.htm, or contact Ms. Kathy Copija at 923-5741 or knhenni@aol.com.

For more information about AFA, visit www.cv-afa.org/.

— *From staff reports*

Other golf tournaments:

NCMA golf tournament

National Contract Management Association golf tournament will be May 7 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start at the Landings Golf Course. Cost is \$40 per person, which includes golf fees and lunch at noon. Sign up to be placed on a team or enter your own team by submitting name(s), handicap or average score to Ms. Michelle Idone, LXXKC, at 926-0847, no later than May 4.

VFW golf tournament

There will be a golf tournament May

7 at the Waterford Golf Course in Bonaire, Ga. For more information, enter a team or make a donation, contact Mr. T.J. Dick, tournament director, at 953-0291 extension 152 or 397-6455.

Air Force Enlisted Village Bob Hope Golf Classic

The Air Force Enlisted Village will hold the first Bob Hope Memorial Charity Golf Classic, April 18-20 at Indian Bayou Golf and Country Club, Destin, Fla.

The event benefits the Air Force

Enlisted Village, whose mission is to provide housing, services, transportation and programs to widows of Air Force enlisted personnel.

The entry fee is \$150 per person and includes 36 holes of golf and cart. First prize purse is \$600 per team. The Ramada Plaza Beach Resort will provide accommodations for golfers for \$80 per night.

Entry forms are available at www.afenlistedwidows.org or by calling (850) 651-3766. All player's registration must be received by Monday.

ROBINS CLUBS

Aerospace Toastmasters meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in the Contracting Directorate conference room, Building 300, west wing. For more information, contact Mr. Keith Dierking, 926-0420.

Robins Top 3 Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 3

p.m. at the Enlisted Club. For information, call Master Sgt. Joyce Jones at 926-4997 or Master Sgt. Andrea Johnson at 327-7356.

Procurement Toastmasters Club, open to all of Team Robins, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting

Directorate's conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Ms. Lily Fickler at 926-2855.

Editor's Note: To have your club or group's information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil.

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Reserve begins fitness testing

By **2nd Lt. Lance Patterson**

Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs

“Being physically fit paves the way for more rewards than a passing score; it promotes a more productive and energetic way of life.”

Air Force reservists across the country are under the new Air Force fitness-testing standards as of April 1.

Previously, fitness was measured by height-based weight restrictions, and reservists were tested on aerobic health through a 3-mile walk. The new standards include a waist measurement, push-ups, crunches and a 1.5-mile run.

“Our emphasis is on the overall health and wellness of our members’ lifestyles,” said 2nd Lt. Eric Doggett, unit fitness program manager for the Air Force Reserve Command headquarters at Robins. “Being physically fit paves the way for more rewards than a passing score; it promotes a more productive and energetic way of life.”

About 75,800 reservists train on full- and part-time duty. Since Sept. 11, 2001, about one in four has been activated and about 6,000 are cur-

rently mobilized.

“Air Force reservists play an integral role in our national defense and are vital to the effectiveness of our military in combat,” said Maj. Richard Watson, commander of the 951st Reserve Support Squadron here. “Having our people physically fit not only helps that (they) stay healthy, but it also ensures the Air Force Reserve Command mission is a success.”

In February, key members of the command staff were tested under the new standards.

“In a climate with a high-operations tempo, we just need to be better fit,” Major Watson said.

All Airmen are expected to meet the new physical-fitness program standards. People who score above 90 are considered in excellent health. A

2nd Lt. Eric Doggett Smith
AFRC headquarters unit fitness program manager

total score of 75 to 89.99 is good; 70 to 74.99 is marginal; and less than 70 is poor.

The scoring is broken down by age and gender. Beginning with “under age 25,” the charts go up every five years for both men and women. As an Airman’s age progresses, the number of push-ups and crunches required for a 100-point score goes down and more time is allowed for the run. However, the waist-measurement standard remains constant, no matter what the Airman’s age.

“Abdominal circumference is the only chart that doesn’t allow for age,” Lieutenant Doggett said. “For men, a top score of 30 points means a measurement of less than 32.5 inches, whether you’re 18 years old or 55. For women, it’s 29.5 inches.”

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U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Joe Johnson, a Junior ROTC drill team member at Houston County High School, was named the Armed Individual Exhibition State Champion.

Airman's son wins in Georgia State Junior ROTC Championship

By Ms. Holly J. Logan
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Joe Johnson said he hopes to have a career in the U.S. Air Force some day - and he has all the right moves to get him there.

Seventeen-year-old Johnson, a senior on Houston County High School's 44-member Junior ROTC drill team, was named the Armed Individual Exhibition State Champion at the Junior ROTC Georgia State Drill Meet at the Georgia National Fair Grounds March 27.

"I thought I'd get second or third place, but I never thought I'd get first place," he said. "I was so excited when they called my name that I almost

ran right past the judges when I went up for it."

Johnson, senior class flight commander for Junior ROTC, competed against Junior ROTC cadets from 22 schools statewide, exhibiting his skills at spinning, tossing and sharpness handling his Springfield rifle.

Senior Master Sgt. Forest Johnson, deputy fire chief for the 778th Civil Engineering Squadron, said he is proud of his son's accomplishment.

"He has been working on this since his freshman year at Ramstein Air Base, Germany," he said. "The first three years, he worked so hard to get this; in fact, I think he worked a little too hard. Now that he relaxed a bit and focused on

his talent, he did a lot better."

Senior Master Sgt. David Carter, aerospace science instructor with the Junior ROTC program at Houston County High School, said Johnson's win demonstrates his versatility of being both a team player and individual.

"Some people do things to bring glory to themselves, but Joe is a humble guy," he said. "He does it because he enjoys it. I can always count on Joe to do whatever the team needs him to do."

As a whole, the drill team won first place in facsimile exhibition drill, first place in regulation drill, second place in armed exhibition drill and third and fourth place in unarmed exhibition drill.

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